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## LOTS OF TALK

## Opening Session of the Populist National Committee.

## Question of Holding Open Sessions Provokes Excitement.

**Mrs. Striker of Kansas Says the Whole Trouble Was Due to There Not Being Enough Women in the Meeting—Mr. Hunter of New York Characterizes**

Long before the hour set for the convening of the meeting of the National Executive Committee of the People's party at the Lindell Hotel the rotunda and corridor of the house were thronged with crowds of

gathered together in groups, renewing old acquaintances, making new ones and discussing the one important question that has brought them all together. Promptly at 10:30 the meeting was called to order by H. E. Taubenschlag, Chairman of the National Executive Committee, with about 250 members and delegates in attendance. He announced as the first business to come before the meeting the organizing of the

whether the meeting should be held in executive session.

Hon. Frank Burkitt of Oklaoma, Miss moved that strict executive session should be held, the members of the press should be excluded and a press committee of five be appointed to give out such information as the proceedings as the committee saw fit.

The motion met with a spirited discussion by a number of prominent members and delegates present.

**WEAVER SECONDS IT.**

Gen. Weaver of Iowa rose to second the motion, saying that it was much safer to trust to a committee of their friends to give the account of their proceedings.

O. D. Jones of Missouri said that the press would undoubtedly misrepresent the meeting more if conducted secretly than if they were allowed to be present. He advocated an open meeting and said the conference was concerned and if the National Committee had an state secret they wished to discuss the could withdraw to some private apartment to do so.

J. H. McDowell of Tennessee said the meeting would be misrepresented any way and he did not think it made any difference whether the reporters were present or not.

During the debate a great deal of confusion and excitement prevailed. Several of those present rose at once and began shouting. The Chair. Points of order were called on all sides, and at least 20 minutes were wasted, with nothing being accomplished.

E. Gary Brown of Massachusetts strongly urged that the press be shown, as he put it, "in their place." It was much better to

The discussion of the motion was hotly contested by at least 30 of those present who appeared to be about evenly divided on the subject.

Carl Browne rose to speak, but was interrupted by the Chair on account of his not being a member of the National Committee.

**GAGGING FREE SPEECH.**

Carl Browne then got the floor, and before he could be frowned down loudly declared that he had been of the opinion that all those present were to be gagged. He said that this conference had been called to discuss the question of gagging, but from appearance he judged that an attempt was to be made to gag him.

The question was finally left to the National Committee to decide, and it was decided to gag him. The result was that 15 members were in favor of executive session and 19 voting against it.

M. C. Rankin of Terre Haute, Ind., then moved that the meeting then adjourn until 2 o'clock p. m., at which time the conference elect a new Chairman and go ahead with the meeting.

**WOMAN AS A BALANCE**

Mr. Striker, a prominent Socialist anti-racist of Kansas, who had been invited to the floor and intimidated into it, the meeting was being held by women. It would be conducted in much better shape. In her opinion the last motion should not be carried, but she was guided by the action of the national committee, as all others present were only there by the courtesy of John Dabell, from Montana, rose and said that the members were acting like a bunch of cowboys. He said that the meeting was a waste of time and they would stop all nonsense and settle down to business.

John Dabell then returned to have much to say, however, and a hot debate followed, during which great excitement prevailed. The center of the debate was the question of the national committee should be

**BUSINESS MEN'S COMMITTEE.**  
During the forenoon a committee from the  
Board of Merchants, composed of Mr. Toulson and

nounced. The committee was headed by President W. G. Boyd of the Merchants' Exchange. During a lull in the proceedings of the meeting Mr. Boyd mounted the platform and, in behalf of the league and the Merchants' Exchange, he welcomed the visitors to the city and extended to them an

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MATINEES TO-MORROW.  
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POPE'S—Continued show.

Gen. Coxey is short in stature; but so was Napoleon.  
Pops. Reps. and Dems. can hardly do better than to nationally convene in St. Louis.  
Every man may not have a dinner or a shirt, but every man can have a currency scheme.  
The boy with a new pair of skates knows what the Post-Dispatch lake is worth.  
St. Louis built fourteen miles of building in a panic year, but cannot get afternoon train service.  
The Democrat is not saying exactly, "Come off, old year." "Come off, old off year." Is the year it is putting it.

President Dole ought not to be censured for saving all he can of his \$10,000 salary. Are not the wasteful blacks to be taught economy?  
Mr. Carnegie doesn't mind the mere fact of a fine; it is the spectacle of \$140,000 getting away from him that makes him wretched.  
The bond syndicate scorn to mention pecuniary loss. It is the peridy of the Secretary of the Treasury that stirs those patriot bosoms.  
If Col. Billy Breckinridge is to deliver another lecture in Ohio it will be the duty of Gov. McKinley to call out the militia to protect him from the constables.  
That is a real word of the bond syndicate. Why shouldn't it dissolve in a pet if the understanding was that it should control all currency legislation?  
Circuit Attorney Zachris shifts about as his services are needed and there is a call for them now in the Criminal Court where some of his friends will soon be on trial.  
The Dakotians are now crossing the Missouri on the ice. The detractors of the Dakotas have never yet had the courage to say that the ice crop up there is uncertain.  
The story that Lord Randolph Churchill's happiness was wrecked by royal liberalism, and that this accounts for the destruction of his health, is too wicked for belief. No loyal Englishman will credit it.

The Carnegie company did not make an offer to take off of the suspected armor plates at their own expense, test them and put them back or furnish perfect armor. It is only a fairy tale from Cluny Castle.  
The picture of Lieut. Carl Brown as the Goddess of Liberty suggests a way for the Washington authorities to enforce the keep-off-the-grass law without trouble. Let them place this statue in the center of the grass plot.  
The wounds on the brow of an Arkansas pensioner, though caused by blister plasters, were passed as gunshot wounds by five boards of examiners. The difficulty of recognizing a genuine hero grows as the great civil war recedes farther into the past.  
Could Inspector Williams have done all the testifying for the pantaloons their cause would have been less hopeless. Since the evidence given by Mr. Samuel Weller there has not been much in defensive legal work that excels the answers of the Inspector.  
Anthony Comstock's query as to why the man with \$1,500,000 worth of lottery tickets was not prosecuted when Mr. Goff was Assistant District Attorney shows how things may be brought out when a thorough investigation begins. There has never been anything like the Lexow investigation for the enlightenment of Gotham.  
The President of Mexico and the Guatemalan Minister having expressed to each other the most earnest desire for peace between the two countries, the next goal that sweeps from the South may not bring to our ears the clash of roundabout arms. However, it might be prudent for both countries to provide themselves with the best make of American guns.

Dr. Talmage, having "rejoiced that Christmas comes in December rather than in June, the season of roses," some one is mean enough to say that flowers

can be raised in the tropics in December. As Dr. Talmage's sermons are mailed, and never sent by telegraph, he may not have had time to revise his Christmas gush.

"The trustees," says the Rev. Morgan Dix, speaking of the building of decent tenements for their poor tenants, "do not feel that it is their duty to engage in enterprises which do not commend themselves to their business judgment." And this from a pastor who is charged with the work of preaching the gospel of the Teacher who said to the rich man: "Go and sell all that thou hast and give to the poor." Fortunately there is law enough in New York to prevent the oppression of the poor and the menace of the public health prompted by the business judgment of this church corporation.

A CHUNK OF EVIDENCE.  
In his speech at the banquet of the New York Society Mayor Walbridge gave a striking illustration of the survival of St. Louis prosperity in the general depression of last year. The records of the Building Commissioner's office showed, he said, that:

During the fiscal year of the financial panic, from April, 1893, to 1894—this includes the active period of the panic—during that time there were 100 houses more built in St. Louis than in the year previous. In that year there were ten and one-half miles long; if placed about the same distance from each other as the average modern residence in this city, they would make a line of houses ten and one-half miles long. In other words, there were constructed houses enough to solidly fill the territory extending from the Court-house to Jefferson avenue west and to Franklin avenue north.

Fourteen miles of solid building in a time of profound business depression and panic is a chunk of evidence not only of financial soundness but of remarkable faith in the city. Added to this the statement that St. Louis has taken first place among American cities in percentage of unnumbered homes and we have a remarkable proof of the best kind of prosperity—prosperity fairly distributed among the people.

CLEVELAND'S BOND BILL.  
The syndicate that bought the last fifty millions of gold bonds has already drawn from the Treasury \$28,000,000 of the gold it paid for those bonds. Only \$8,000,000 of it has gone abroad and the other \$20,000,000 went into bank vaults to be used in buying the next issue of gold bonds.

France, with more and lighter silver coin than we have, keeps it at par by paying it out as full legal tender whenever a raid is made on her gold. But our Treasury insists on paying gold whenever it is demanded in exchange for greenbacks. Treasury notes of 1890 or silver dollars. There are \$340,000,000 of 1890 and \$280,000,000 of silver dollars and certificates—\$620,000,000 in all of legal tender currency, which is treated as a government debt payable on demand in gold. To hold this currency as a floating debt, and retire it so that it can no longer be used to pump gold out of the Treasury, would call for the issue of \$645,000,000 of 3 per cent bonds. This Congress has refused and will continue to refuse to authorize any such funding, because it would more than double our bonded debt, and impose upon our taxpayers an additional interest charge of \$25,500,000 a year.

But unless Congress does something to stop the Wall Street machine which Mr. Cleveland is operating, the keeping of a mere hundred millions of gold in the Treasury will soon double our bonded debt anyhow—double it in 5 per cent bonds at that, increasing our annual interest charge by at least \$25,000,000, and still leave the aforesaid floating debt undiminished.

What is Congress going to do about it? Neither the Carlisle bill nor the substitute will meet the requirements of the situation.

THE GREENS OF SOCIALISM.  
The real significance of the railroad pooling bill was clearly pointed out by Carroll D. Wright, in his speech before the American Economic Association. It is impossible to deny the force of his logic when he calls it another step on the road to socialism, which has been traversed a long way within a brief time. In putting down the adoption of the Interstate commerce law, the action of the Federal Courts in the matter of strikes and the pooling law as a succession of incidents in a revolutionary movement towards socialism, or that much of socialism which consists of a governmental ownership or control of public property or transportation, he has accurately interpreted the logic of events.

When the government through a commission or its courts, practically fixes railroad rates for a vast combination of railroads and protects its service with troops, there is only one more step to be taken and that is to regulate wages and assume control of all transportation facilities.

Mr. Wright might have added trust development to railroad protection as an important element in the revolution. The vast aggregations of capital profiting by governmental favor and exemplifying the benefits of national organization are strong factors in the promotion of sentiment favorable to the complete organization of industry under governmental regulation.

When the wage-earners see the corporations enjoying government protection and feel the oppression of combinations too powerful for their organizations to cope with they naturally seek government protection for themselves and look to it as a panacea for all ills. When they see the courts using all the power of the government to prevent strikes they demand in justice that they be given the same court protection that the corporations enjoy.

The demand for socialism, therefore, apparently comes from the wage-earners, but the germs of it, the causes which create the demand, are created and fostered by the corporations and their

representatives in Legislatures and on the bench.

The out of the bag, that is to say, the secret of Mrs. Hetty Green's little black bag has at last been discovered. There was a popular belief that Mrs. Green carried a million in her sash or in her pockets, so that she could have that much handy if a bargain should cross her path. But a reporter has been admitted to the secret of the bag, and he found nothing there but some letters threatening the owner's life. It is bad enough to have a skeleton in a closet, but to carry around haunting fear in a little black bag suggests an excess of misery. It goes a little beyond the sword of Damocles and the slave who whips himself, "Remember thou art mortal," as a gloom producer. Night and day the fear of murder and worse than murder to her robbery—the loss of the dearest thing on earth to her, a lot of filthy lucre, haunts this poor old woman—poor and wretched although she is the richest woman in America.

The traveling public rejoices to learn that Senator Sherman is still of a mind to curtail the unreasonable sleeping car rates which they are required to pay in addition to feeling porters. He has moved an amendment to the pooling bill reducing parlor and sleeping car rates. He expects the car companies to provide safes free of charge for the valuables of passengers; limit the charge for lower berths to not more than half a cent a mile, for upper berths to not more than a third of a cent a mile, and for a seat in drawing room cars to not more than one-half a cent a mile. Every traveler with a vote will carefully note the progress of Mr. Sherman's amendment and keep an eye on its opponents. It is said to think how much the Senator from Ohio must have fallen in the esteem of Philanthropist Fullman by this time.

The vivisectioners are asking why it is that men and boys are allowed to go about the country with guns, mutilate and half kill birds, mammals, deer and other animals, chase deep into the water and murder them in their helplessness; ride after foxes and drive them to a death of agonizing exhaustion; trap up fish by the sensitive and mucous membranes of the mouth and tear open their wounds, all for sport. Probably a committee of three, composed of Grover Cleveland, William Harrison and one other sportsman, might be appointed to answer the vivisectioners.

While Virginia and Kentucky are buried in snow, St. Louis streets are clear and we have only that part of the downfall that comes in on the car tops. Should our friends in either of these States be looking for a pleasant winter resort they are cordially invited to the Missouri metropolis.

The creation people may not take to the idea of indemnifying paupers. The patrons of the crematory have hitherto been looked upon as rather a select set. If everybody is to be cremated all will be on a dead level.

A 6 s. m. carol. O, where is the man who will cut a grove and put it into the street car grove? For the car's too slow; the coke's no go; we're needing a grove for that street car stove.

Heard in the State Department:  
Rain come wet me;  
Sun come dry me;  
Go away, Spainard,  
Don't come nigh me.

Some people still swallow the story of Cleopatra and her pearl. Possibly some society lady has swallowed Mrs. Spreckels' missing sun-burnt diamonds.

Brother Moore is said to have brought his income tax suit on his own hook. The courts should see that he does not hook anything from Uncle Samuel.

If Boston's debt is 50 per cent greater than that of St. Louis, the mayor of that City Fathers of the Hub will be driven to levying a tax on intellect.

If Governor Morton is to do away with the hanging law, he is availing himself of thousands to get a glimpse of Colonel John Jacob Astor of the staff?

The ownership of sets in Japan by Inspector Wright of the New York police has doubtless done much to push the Japanese toward civilization.

The severe-winter prophets who were humbled to the dust by the perversity of the weather before Christmas are again taking heart.

Goldens Carl Browne is so effective a Goddess of Liberty that he is seldom mistaken for the bearded lady.

The parties who were making an exodus with Pharoah Turley's furniture have been arrested, happily.

Why should not the price of United States bonds fluctuate? Patriotic syndicates should be more patient.

Mr. Bull seems to have no scheme for checking "royal liberalism."

Exit Santa Claus. Enter the plumber.

Franchise Robbery.  
From the Central Christian Advocate.  
In nearly every way in this country there are valuable and remunerative franchises, voted away each year, gratis, to corporations, which grow rich by means of the special privileges thus granted. Not infrequently there are well-grounded suspicions of jobbery connected with the operations whereby the City Councils grant these franchises, and it is understood that it sometimes costs a large sum of money to secure the peculiar sort of influence requisite to the passage of a valuable charter by a set of city officials. Apart from this feature of the case one would suppose that the City Fathers would not be so ready to grant franchises, and that the franchises, if granted, would be sold to the highest bidder.

It will be able to accomplish but little here," said Mr. Charles. "The franchises are not for sale. They are only operators; information and influence are the only things that will make them profitable. Mr. Bowkiss was wrong in saying that no dividends had been paid on the Central Pacific stock for four years. Under the old laws 3 per cent was paid up to the first of the year. And that above the operating expenses and the payment of interest, but that has resulted in a loss of interest. The franchises are not for sale. They are only operators; information and influence are the only things that will make them profitable. Mr. Bowkiss was wrong in saying that no dividends had been paid on the Central Pacific stock for four years. Under the old laws 3 per cent was paid up to the first of the year. And that above the operating expenses and the payment of interest, but that has resulted in a loss of interest.

Will Return the Money.  
Plan Proposed by Irwin, the Discretionary Pool Operator.  
PITTSBURGH, Pa., Dec. 28.—George M. Irwin, the discretionary pool operator, has decided to return all the money placed in his hands by customers and which was actually invested by him in grain deals. This statement was made by Irwin at a meeting of the City Council last night, but not legally bound to return the money. He further said that not over \$100,000 is represented in the suit against Irwin.

## IN INDIAN SCHOOLS. NO MARKED CHANGE

Progress of Pupils in the Various Educational Institutions.

REPORTS OF SUPERINTENDENTS TO THE SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR.

Great Benefits Derived From the System in Vogue at the Hampton Institute—The Young Red Men and Women Trained Self-Reliance, the Value and Proper Use of Money.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 28.—The annual reports of the Superintendent of Indian schools received at the Interior Department indicate a growing interest in education by the Indians and testify to the good work accomplished by these institutions. The Superintendent at Fort Mojave, Ariz., says that school has brought about changes in the dress and customs of the older Indians, who live better and who now almost invariably use the white man's dress. The Mojaves living on the reservation are very anxious to be allotted tracts of land from which they cannot be driven. There are 10,000 of these between Fort Mojave, Ariz., and Needles, Cal., who are self-supporting and who work for wages when money is in sight. They possess no claims that the white man is entitled to. The Superintendent at Fort Huachuca, Ariz., reports that the school has brought about changes in the dress and customs of the older Indians, who live better and who now almost invariably use the white man's dress. The Mojaves living on the reservation are very anxious to be allotted tracts of land from which they cannot be driven. There are 10,000 of these between Fort Mojave, Ariz., and Needles, Cal., who are self-supporting and who work for wages when money is in sight. They possess no claims that the white man is entitled to.

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His Condition Shows No Improvement Over Yesterday.

No Increase of the Paralysis, But He Is Still Unconscious Much of the Time—Sketch of His Career—How He First Gained Prominence as Leader of the Fourth Party—Subsequent Rise to Power.

LONDON, Dec. 28.—Lord Randolph Churchill passed a very restless night. His condition this morning does not show any material change from that at the same time yesterday. There has been no increase of the paralysis, but he is unconscious a great part of the time.

Lord Randolph Henry Spencer-Churchill is the second son of the seventh Duke of Marlborough. He was born on Feb. 13, 1818, and was educated at Marlborough College, Oxford. He represented Woodstock in the House of Commons from February, 1846, until April, 1852, when he was elected as member of the House of Commons for the Conservative party. He was elected as member of the House of Commons for the Conservative party. He was elected as member of the House of Commons for the Conservative party.

On the accession of Lord Salisbury's government to office in 1885, Lord Randolph was appointed to the office of Secretary of State for India, and his promotion to that high place was a proof of the importance of his services in the ranks of the Conservative party. In the House of Commons, he was the only leader, and it was not until the death of Lord Salisbury that he was recognized as the leader of the Conservative party. He was elected as member of the House of Commons for the Conservative party.

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